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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE CONCERNED OVER AFRICAN POLARIZATION,
URGE US ROLE ON CONTINENT

1. IN APRL 29 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DIRECTION OF US FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH HE FEARED WAS BECOMING INWARD LOOKING. HE ASKED IF WE REALIZED DANGERS OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN AFRICA. I RESPONDED THAT, RATHER THAN BECOMING ISOLATIONIST, US WAS ENGAGING IN THOUGHTFUL REVIEW OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO WORLD PROBLEMS. AFRICAN QUESTIONS WERE REVIEWED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF USG AND VIEWS OF AFRICAN LEADERS WERE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. SUCH CONSULTATION AS FORTHCOMING CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN ABIDJAN WAS PART OF PROCESS. I NOTED THAT SECK HAD PROBABLY SEEN MOVEMENT IN US POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN RECENT MONTHS, INDICATING THAT WE WERE ENDEAVORING TO KEEP SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT (GOS) FULLY AND PROMPTLY BRIEFED IN DAKAR AND WASHINGTON ON MAIN
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ELEMENTS OF US FOREIGN POLICY. SECK RESPONDED WITH EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN US POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA AND WITH GOOD US/GOS BILATERAL DIALOGUE.

2. SECK SAID THAT AFRICA WAS AGAIN BECOMING POLARIZED. PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING SIDES. BLOCS ARE DEVELOPING AS EXISTED AFTER INDEPENDENCE. SECK DECRIED ETHIOPIAN SITUATION, WHERE

US, HAVING BEEN STEADFAST FRIEND AND PROVIDER OF MATERIAL SUPPORT, WAS BEING TREATED IN SHAMEFUL FASHION. IN EAST AFRICA, ONLY KENYA HAS REGIME FRIENDLY NOT ONLY TO US AND WEST IN GENERAL, BUT TO COUNTRIES LIKE SENEGAL, SECK SAID. HE ADDED THAT ZAMBIA ALSO HAD FRIENDLY ATTITUDE BUT FELT BOTH REGIMES HAD SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

3. IN FACE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, MODERATE AFRICAN STATES WERE DECIDING THEY HAD TO BAND TOGETHER TO DEFEND THIER VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS, SECK CONTINUED. SENEGAL WOULD DO SO THROUGH FRANCOPHONE INSTRUMENTS, BUT DID NOT WISH TO RELY ON THEM EXCLUSIVELY. SECK EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US, IN SPITE OF MOMENTARY PROBLEMS, WOULD NOT ABDICATE CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP POSITION IN AFRICA TO SOVIETS. I THANKED SECK FOR EXPRESSING HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS, ASSURING HIM THAT WE CONTINUE TO REVIEW AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS VERY CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY. I SAID THAT OUR FOCUS WAS TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE POSITIVE AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND TO FIND WAYS TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THESE EFFORTS.
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